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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC CONTROVERSY IN TUSCANY

1. DURING PAST MONTH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY ORGANIZATION IN TUSCANY HAS ENGAGED IN A HEATED DEBATE CONCERNING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. THIS DEBATE WHICH HAS BEEN COVERED EXTENSIVELY IN THE PRESS HAS ENDED, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, WITH A CLEARCUT VICTORY FOR THOSE OPPOSING THE QUOTE HISTORIC COMPROMISE UNQUOTE OR VARIOUS PROPOSED VERSIONS OF IT.

2. CONTROVERSY AND DEBATE BEGAN AT END OF OCTOBER WHEN A PAPER WRITTEN BY TUSCAN REGIONAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECRETARY GIORGIO GORI WAS DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE PARTY AND THEN LEAKED TO THE PRESS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, GORI DOCUMENT PROPOSED THAT QUOTE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE PCI AND DC SHOULD END AND THAT THE DE-LIMITATION OF THE MAJORITY SHOULD BE ELIMINATED UNQUOTE. OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL WAS LED BY FLORENCE PROVINCIAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECRETARY MARIO SIGNORINI WHO STOUTLY OPPOSED ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH THE PCI AND PROPOSED THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS STICK TO THE CURRENT NATIONAL PARTY PLATFORM AND DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO WORK OUT AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM WITH ALL THE LAY PARTIES, PARTICULARLY THE

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SOCIALISTS. LOCAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC DEPUTIES AND SENATORS

SUPPORTED SIGNORINI AS DID THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TUSCAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE. PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN TUSCANY WHO STILL PUBLICLY OPPOSE SIGNORINI'S POSITON ARE GIUSEPPE MATULLI AND UGO DE SERVIO, NEITHER OF WHOM HOLD ELECTIVE OFFICE.

3. DEBATE HAS NOW QUITTED BOTH WITHIN THE TUSCAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION AND IN THE PRESS AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN TUSCANY HAS TAKEN THE OFFICIAL STAND THAT THE GORI DOCUMENT WAS MERELY AND INTERNAL PAPER TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT.

4. DEBATE HAS LEFT UUSCAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN SOME DISARRAY AND THIS PUBLIC FRACAS IS PROBABLY ONLY ROUND ONE WITH ROUND TWO IN THE IMMEDIATE OFFING. GORDON

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